

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the Abstract appearing on page 37, lines 1 - 17 with the following:

**--Abstract of the Disclosure:**

A flip-flop includes a clock signal input, a data signal input, non-inverting and inverting outputs, a data acceptance unit, and a storage unit having a feedback loop with first and second inverter circuits having feedback to one another. The ~~non~~-inverting output is coupled to the first inverter circuit output and the non-inverting output is coupled to the second inverter circuit output. The acceptance unit, dependent upon the data and clock signals present, allocates a programming potential to the first or the second inverter circuit input and applies no potential to the respective other input of the circuits. The acceptance unit has a first switching element applying the predetermined programming potential to the input of the first inverter circuit dependent upon the clock and data signals and a second switching element applying the predetermined programming potential to the second inverter circuit input dependent upon the clock and data signals.--